

Amendments to the Claims:

Please insert the following new heading before claim 1:

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

Please replace claims 1 to 10 as presented in the underlying International Application No. PCT/EP2004/007899 with the following claims.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-10 (cancelled).

Claim 11 (new): A sleeve-like cover for a cylinder in a press, for holding a plate-like printing form comprising:

material having a slit running parallel to an axis of rotation of the cover, edges of a printing form fixable in the slit via at least one retaining force element.

Claim 12 (new): The sleeve-like cover as recited in claim 11 further comprising the at least one retaining force element being fixed in the slit.

Claim 13 (new): The sleeve-like cover as recited in claim 11 wherein the slit widens trapezoidally from an outer circumferential surface into an interior of the sleeve-like cover or the slit is symmetrical to a plane in which an axis of symmetry of the sleeve-like cover runs.

Claim 14 (new): The sleeve-like cover as recited in claim 11 wherein edges of the slit formed with the outer circumferential surface are rounded.

Claim 15 (new): The sleeve-like cover as recited in claim 11 further comprising the retaining force element, a first and a second leaf spring for pressing on the edges of the printing form in the slit against a wall of the slit.

Claim 16 (new): The sleeve-like cover as recited in claim 11 wherein the material includes a layer structure with a number of layers.

Claim 17 (new): The sleeve-like cover as recited in claim 11 wherein the material permits elastic deformation of the sleeve-like cover at least in the radial direction so that an internal diameter or an external diameter of the sleeve-like cover can be varied.

Claim 18 (new): The sleeve-like cover as recited in claim 11 wherein the material includes at least one recess in an inner circumferential surface, at least one protrusion or at least one lever element engagable in the recess to produce a tangential tension of the sleeve-like cover.

Claim 19 (new): The sleeve-like cover as recited in claim 18 where the at least one recess includes two recesses.

Claim 20 (new): A method for varying a printing length of a press comprising exchanging a sleeve-like cover as recited in claim 11 with a further sleeve-like cover of a different external diameter.

Claim 21 (new): A method of fitting a plate-like printing form to a sleeve-like cover as recited in claim 10 comprising the steps of:

introducing a leading edge of the edges of printing form into the slit in the sleeve-like cover of the printing form;

winding the printing form onto an outer circumferential surface of the sleeve-like cover;
and

introducing a trailing edge of the edges of printing form into the slit in the sleeve-like cover of the printing form,

the leading edge and the trailing edge of the printing form being clamped between the retaining force element and a wall of the slit.